

REMARKS

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 was deemed allowable over the art, but rejected based on improper antecedent basis for the recitation of “said designated contents”. A proposed correction obviates this rejection.

Applicant further hereinabove amends the claims to describe the invention more particularly. The modifications should be entered because they merely include amendment of claim 2, for example to include the pending subject matter of claim 3. The subject matter of the modifications were previously of record and thus do not raise new issues. Furthermore, the modifications place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons which follow.

A feature of the present invention comprises “a quantity detecting unit” and “a print judging unit”. “The quantity detecting unit” detects a quantity of the paper set in the printing apparatus, while “the print judging unit” instructs a print unit to print a designated contents with a high order of the priority. These features accomplish the following tremendous advantage. When the quantity of the paper is reduced so as to reach a given amount, a paper-out condition on a printer can be expected by “the quantity detecting unit”. Consequently, a designated content with a high order of the priority can be preferentially printed due to the instruction given by “the print judging unit”.

The above feature is not disclosed in Walkingshaw et al. (U.S.P. 5,488,423). Applicant also submits that the features are not taught by Akabori. Therefore, claim 2 is patentable for at

least this reason. Claims 6, 8 and 21 are patentable due to analogous recitations. Claim 14 is modified to include an analogous, though not necessarily coextensive, feature.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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